

# Avoid the 30 Riverside County



### **PRESS RELEASE**

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# Riverside County to combat Driving Under the Influence during the first weekend of summer season

<u>WHAT:</u> The multi-agency Avoid the 30 DUI Taskforce will be hosting Sobriety Checkpoints in Desert Hot Springs and Riverside-Rubidoux, targeting drivers who drink and drive during first holiday weekend of the summer. Officers will check all motorists for signs of intoxication and impaired drivers will be arrested reminding all – *Drunk Driving! Over the Limit! Under Arrest!* DUI-related deaths and injuries rise during the summer season. Riverside County law enforcement officials will be out in force this Memorial Day weekend. In addition to the checkpoints, the California Highway Patrol is on maximum enforcement operations and local police will have additional enforcement operations in the cities of Riverside, Corona, Temecula, Hemet, Mt. San Jacinto, Banning, La Quinta and Coachella

Visit the following website: <a href="www.californiaavoid.org">www.californiaavoid.org</a> for all of the state DUI enforcement operations and visit <a href="www.avoidthe30.org">www.avoidthe30.org</a> for Riverside County Avoid the 30 information.

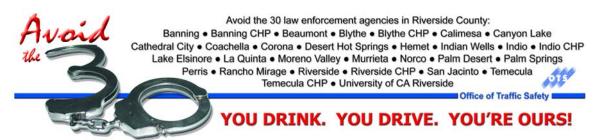
The "Avoid the 30" DUI Task Force is comprised of more than 30 local law enforcement agencies throughout Riverside County, allied together to combat Driving Under the Influence (DUI) in ALL our cities and unincorporated areas. The program is called the Avoid program because motorists can "avoid" being arrested by not drinking and driving.

#### SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE FOR CHECKPOINT LOCATIONS AND TIMES

Drunk driving is one of America's deadliest crimes. In 2006, nearly 16,000 people died in DUI-related collisions. In California, there were 1,597 deaths, 155 of those in Riverside County.

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#### 2008 Memorial Day Enforcement Operation Schedule

#### Desert Hot Springs PD - Region 4 hosts DUI Checkpoint:

Friday, May 23, 2008 – 14500 block of Palm Drive, Desert Hot Springs, 8 p.m. to 3 a.m.

#### CHP- Riverside – Region 2 hosts DUI Checkpoint:

Saturday, May 24, 2008 - Mission Blvd/Rubidoux, Riverside – 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

## May 23-26, 2008, Regions 1, 2, 3 & 5 will host Saturation Patrols CHP is on Maximum Enforcement all weekend.

Region 1: San Jacinto

Friday, May 23, 2008 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mt. San Jacinto College PD Saturday, May 24, 2008 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mt. San Jacinto College PD

#### Region 2:

Corona

Saturday, May 24, 2008 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. Corona PD

Riverside

Saturday, May 24, 2008 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Riverside PD Monday, May 26, 2008, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Riverside CHP

#### Region 3:

Banning

Friday, May 23, 2008 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Banning Police Dept

Hemet

Friday, May 23, 2008 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Hemet Police Dept

#### Region 5:

Coachella

Friday, May 23, 2008 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Coachella Police Dept

La Quinta

Friday, May 23, 2008 8p.m. to 4 a.m. La Quinta Police Dept

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